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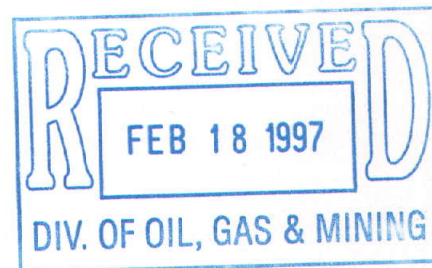
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February 14, 1997.



D. Wayne Hedberg
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P. O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City UT 84114-5801

Re: Cominco American Incorporated
Apex Mine M/053/004

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Enclosed is original bond number _____ of United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, re-executed to comply with instructions in your letter dated February 13, 1997 and prior phone conversations.

I trust the enclosed bond now meets with your approval. Please give me a call if you have any questions or further instructions.

Sincerely,

Carla Holt
Bond Department

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Enclosure